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DETECTING DOUBLE FEEDING AND METHOD

FOR THE OPERATION THEREOF

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Sir:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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